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1. (Thrice amended) A method for the preparation of cells for use in the production of at least one biological, said method being discontinuous and comprising:

- a) culturing cells to form a preproduction batch,
- b) dividing the cells of the preproduction batch into a first part and a second part,
- c) employing said first part for the preparation of at least one production batch for the production of at least one biological,
- d) employing said second part as a seed for the preparation of at least one subsequent preproduction batch,
- e) optionally culturing the cells of the subsequent preproduction batch to obtain a greater cell population,
- f) optionally repeating b) to e), using the cells of the subsequent preproduction batch of d) or e) for the preproduction batch of b).

2. (Thrice amended) The method according to Claim 1 wherein:

- a) said first part is transferred for the preparation of the at least one production batch, and
- b) said second part is transferred to be used as a seed for the preparation of the at least one subsequent preproduction batch.

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